

Notice of Race : Tour des Ports de la Manche From July 7th to July 13th, 2007

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Official language of the regatta is French. In case of conflict between languages, the French text will prevail

The organising authority is the Yacht Club De Granville, together with the Comité Départemental de Voile, Local sailing Clubs, City stop over's and the support of B20 Ltd Company. The Conseil Général de la Manche, as well as Local City Councils are public sponsors of the event.

1 RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by:

- ISAF rules as defined in the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- The Fédération Française de la Voile (FFV) rules
- The French 2007 Handicap National (HN) rating rules from the FFV
- The present notice of race (including any annexes and amendments)
- Sailing by night: between the legal sunset hour and the legal sunrise hour, the rules of the chapter 2 of the RRS are no longer valid; they are substituted by the part B of the Collision Regulations (COLREG).

1.2 Safety requirements, compulsory for all boats:

- Inboard or outboard engine with appropriate fuel quantity to reach next port arrival from the departure line. Minimum 4 knots cruising speed is required.
- Fixed or portable VHF, in working order.
- Inflatable life raft suitable for the boat size and to the navigation zone.
- A race number and a race pennant will be provided at the entry check-in.

2 ADVERTISING

The regatta is designed a category 'C' event in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 Advertising Code, as amended by FFV. FFV advertising policy applies here, as detailed in:
http://www.ffvoile.net/ffv/public/fond_doc/CCA/reglement_publicite_ffv.pdf

3 ENTRIES AND DEPOSIT

3.1 Entries are invited from all boats, from and above class C, HN group 8 net, with a draught not exceeding 2.5 metres and qualified to sail beyond 6 nautical miles offshore category (according to French Arrêté dated September 30th, 2004), in accordance with the FFV rule linked to RRS 78.1. Each team will be a minimum of 3 crew members. Multihull boats are not invited in the Tour des Ports de La Manche. The teams will be broken out into 5 fleet classes according to the gross handicap (HN) group.

3.2 Qualifying teams are invited to fill in the entry form (in French) and to send it to the organising authority (Yacht Club de Granville), together with the entry fee for each crew member, the 77 Euro deposit for the race number and the fleet class race pennant, and a hard copy of the HN rating certificate. Cheques will be labelled to Yacht Club de Granville.

The number of entries is limited to 110, according to the ranking order of arrival of complete forms and cheques. Following entries will be recorded on a pending list.

Deadline for full entry forms is Wednesday June 21st, 2007.

Past this date, entries will be accepted within the limits of possible new entries (pending list, by order of arrival). A 90 Euro penalty will apply.

For entry cancellation up until June 21st, 2007 (except pending list), a 45 Euro administrative fee will apply.

After that date, no refund will be made and the team name will stay in the official list of racing teams for the Tour des Ports de La Manche, 2007 Edition.

3.3 Competitors (every crew member) residing in France will have to show the following documents when checking in:

- A valid FFV licence with a medical stamp and a parental consent for competitors under the age of 18.
- The authorization of advertising.

3.4 Foreign competitors without a French FFV licence will have to justify for a valid public liability insurance policy covering not less than 1.5 million Euros.

4 REGISTRATION FEES

Entry fee is 45 Euros per crew member. Fees will be collected and checked along with team registration, and provided file is complete.

5 PROGRAMME

5.1 Confirmation of registration: July 7th, 2007 from 9 am to 9 pm at Saint Vaast La Hougue

5.2 Rating control: July 7th, 2007 from 9 am to 9 pm.

5.3 Event Schedule:

Sunday July 8th	St Vaast La Hougue - Cherbourg
Monday July 9th	Cherbourg - Dielette
Tuesday July 10th	Dielette - Guernesey
Wednesday July 11th	Guernesey - Carteret
Thursday July 12th	Carteret - Jersey
Friday July 13th	Jersey - Granville

5.4 The planned first warning signal is: 3 pm.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be posted when on-site registration opens up; annexes and amendments will be available when registrations are confirmed on July 7th, 2007 from 9 am.

7 COURSES

Typical inshore courses will be raced.

8 SCORING AND RATING SYSTEM

8.1 The low point scoring system will apply per RRS (Appendix A).

8.1a Scoring will be established by fleet class for every race course. This scoring (system time over time) will be calculated according to the H105 document of the FFV guide for handicap races.

8.1b There will be a general scoring by boat fleet. The boat scoring will be the total of her race scores. The winning team will be the boat with the smallest number of scoring points.

A Club Class score will be based on 3 boats, with a maximum of 2 boats in the same class for each Club.

9 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall never make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

10 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to each member for the crews of the top three boats with the lowest overall score in each fleet class. Special prizes will be awarded during each stop over and special prizes will also come out of a blind drawing at the general prize giving ceremony.

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate to the regatta entirely at their own risks. See the rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage, or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

12 INSURANCE

All entrants shall have a public liability and third party insurance policy including coverage when racing at the venue of the regatta of not less than 1 million Euros, or the equivalent in foreign currency.

13 BERTHING – SOCIAL EVENTS

Berthing will be free of charge in Saint Vaast La Hougue from July 6th to July 8th, as well as in each harbour stop and in Granville from July 13th to July 15th. Cocktails or complimentary meals can be offered by the organising authority and the sponsors during stop over's.

14 ADDITIONAL INFORMATIONS

For any additional information please contact the Yacht Club of Granville, BP 317, 50403 GRANVILLE Cedex, tel : +33 (0)2.33.50.04.25 Fax: +33 (0)2.33.50.06.59. A phone information desk will be operating on working days from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

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The present notice of race and the entry form can be downloaded from the website of the Yacht Club of Granville: <http://www.asso.ffv.fr/ycgranville> . Complete registration dossiers will be posted on the event website; <http://www.tourdesports.cg50.fr> as well as on the website of the Yacht Club of Granville.